GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:804
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PLANE MISHAP AT PATNA
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned `Major Plane Mishap Averted` appearing in the `Times of India` New Delhi dated January 24, 2001;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) whether any enquiry was held in the matter;

(d) if so, the findings thereof; and

(e) the precautionary steps taken by the Government to avoid chances of such incidents in future?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 23.1.2001, an Alliance Air Boeing-737 aircraft operating flight from Calcutta to Patna was required to go around as the Air Traffic Control (ATC) observed a Jeep on the runway. The aircraft carried out go around and later landed safely at Patna airport.

(c) & (d) The incident has been investigated and it was found that the jeep was sent with Meteorological staff for observation of the visibility and entered the runway without coordination.

(e) Airports Authority of India has taken action to ensure that staff of ATC shall be on board the vehicle deployed for such purpose and the existing coordination has been reiterated and circulated to all concerned agencies for strict compliance.